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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

consultations of the whole
(closed)

Consultation Room

3.15 p.m.

Afghanistan

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

Angola (S/2001/956)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

4th meeting
(closed)

Conference Room 7

11 a.m.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate
(10-16 November 2001)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	28th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement 1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42); *item 77* (A/56/425); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

India

United Arab Emirates

Lithuania

Ethiopia

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Israel

Iraq

Lao's People's Democratic Republic

Haiti

Gabon

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [91]: draft resolution I (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
2. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [92]: draft resolution II (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
3. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 18): draft decision (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
4. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [93]: draft resolution III (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)
5. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [94]: draft resolution (A/C.4/56/L.3)
6. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [item 18]
 - (a) Question of Western Sahara: draft resolution (A/C.4/56/L.2)
 - (b) Question of Gibraltar: draft decision (A/C.4/56/L.4)
 - (c) Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution IV (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

(d) Question of Tokelau: draft resolution V (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

(e) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands: draft resolution VI (A/56/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.11

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.7, L.8, L.9, L.10 and L.12

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/402-E/2001/105, A/56/403, A/56/83, A/56/151*, A/56/155, A/56/380)

5. International drug control [111] (A/56/3*, A/56/222, A/56/83, A/56/157, A/56/468*)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/56/11 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*
1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 126 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (A/55/928 and A/56/437)); and 128 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/56/34 and Corr.1 and A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356))

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7); Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7); and Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7))

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Address by the High Commissioner for Human Rights
2. Introductory statement
3. Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Morning* - Conference
1 p.m. informal meeting Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Towards a fully inclusive and equitable globalization; Mobilizing domestic financial resources

3 p.m.- Conference
6 p.m. informal meeting Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Mobilizing international resources for development (foreign direct investment and other private flows)

* Following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 10

Subjects

1. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001
2. Draft report

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 16 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; on Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; on Wednesday, 31 October, and Thursday, 1 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

Tuesday, 16 October 2001

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - Conference
12 noon closed meeting Room 8

GROUP OF 77 (on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - Economic and Social
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber
6.30 p.m. - Economic and Social
8 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 16 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting JUSCANZ (*Third Committee*) *today*, 16 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 16 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Briefing

The Eastern European Group will hold a briefing on the work of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and Fifth Committee matters *today*, 16 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolutions on the role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament, the Convention on the Prohibition of Use of Nuclear Weapons and reducing nuclear danger, organized by the delegation of India, *today*, 16 October 2001, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. All co-sponsors and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution on the maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe, organized by the delegation of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, *today*, 16 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations and potential co-sponsors are invited to attend.

Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will hold a briefing for the representatives of Member States *today*, 16 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1, regarding the results of the World Conference Against Racism held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4
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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4
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THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1
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3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 1
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3
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3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3
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Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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SECOND COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (<http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf>). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY*Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

The thirty-sixth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first (closed) meeting of the High-level Summit Organizing Committee (HLSOC), organized by ITU, will be held on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Children's Fund**EXECUTIVE BOARD***Pre-session briefing*

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ (*Second Committee - on the International Conference on Financing for Development*) on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

There will be a meeting of the Islamic Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group (*First Committee*) on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The Group will also meet on 25 October, 1 November and 8 November.

There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Room S-226.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on a First Committee draft resolution on the follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons, organized by the delegation of Malaysia, on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Lessons for Today from the Cuban Missile Crisis", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, together with the Global Security Institute, the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Security and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Robert S. McNamara, former United States Secretary of Defense, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Department (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; tel.: (212) 963-3633).

As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/ireland>.

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 15 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

25th plenary meeting

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/366) [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/56/366.

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

The representative of Ireland, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Security Council (A/56/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Colombia, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Singapore, Brazil, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Peru, South Africa, Cuba, Bulgaria and Japan.

26th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/56/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Canada, the Philippines, India, Argentina (also on behalf of New Zealand), Austria, the Republic of Korea, Cyprus, Mongolia, Egypt, Norway, Jamaica, Italy, Chile and Mauritius.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

9th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Mozambique, Myanmar, Morocco, Kenya, Thailand, Bahrain and Yugoslavia, and by the observer of the Holy See.

A statement was made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representative of Israel.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Algeria, Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), the Sudan, Indonesia, Brazil, San Marino, Slovakia, Israel, the Czech Republic, Pakistan, Guatemala and Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work and informed the Committee that draft resolutions, which had been submitted under agenda items 27, 108 and 109, would be introduced on Tuesday, 16 October, at 3 p.m.

The Chairman also announced that the Committee would aim at taking action on those draft resolutions which were ready for action, on Thursday, 18 October, at 3 p.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

8th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy), introduced the report of the Committee (A/56/11 and Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Brazil, Botswana, Argentina, the Sudan and Iraq.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Visitors' experience (A/55/835 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 8, paras. 103-113))

Information technology (A/55/780 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 6, paras. 80-94))

Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 9, para. 114))

Development Account (A/55/913 and A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 10, para. 115))

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States and Cuba.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services and the representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to set 1 p.m. on Friday, 19 October 2001, as the deadline for the submission of nominations to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 17 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments).

9th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Secretary-General addressed the Committee and introduced the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/7).

The Chairperson of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee on the work of its forty-first session (A/56/16).

Statements in the general discussion of the item were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, Algeria, Pakistan, China, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Zambia.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would resume its general discussion of the item, on Wednesday, 17 October, in the afternoon.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session 1st and 2nd meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the Preparatory Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/200).

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 11th meeting of the Second Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/198, p. 10): the text under agenda item 100 should read as follows:

International migration and development, including the question of convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Seventy-third session

MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2001

1956th meeting

Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General [1]

The seventy-third session of the Committee was opened by the Chairperson, Mr. Prafullachandra N. Bhagwati.

Adoption of the agenda [2]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document CCPR/C/145 and its programme of work.

1957th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the fifth periodic report of Ukraine (CCPR/C/UKR/99/5).

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2001

11th meeting

Credentials of delegations [4]

The Conference adopted draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.16.

Recommendations from the Committee on Science and Technology

The Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology introduced the draft decisions recommended by the Committee.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.1/Rev.1, entitled "Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.2, entitled "Roster of independent experts"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.3, entitled "Review and implementation of scientific and technological aspects of national report"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.4, entitled "Traditional knowledge"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.5, entitled "Early Warning Systems"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.6, entitled "Dryland Degradation Assessment (LADA) and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA)"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.7, entitled "Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology"

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.8, entitled "Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.9, entitled "Programme of work for the Group of Experts"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.10, entitled "Benchmarks and indicators"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the recommendations transmitted by the Committee on Science and Technology.

Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole introduced the draft decisions recommended by the Committee.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.11, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003"

The representatives of the United States, Cuba, Brazil, France (on behalf of the European Union) and Australia made statements.

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Brazil.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.15, entitled "Consideration of additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention"

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

At the recommendation of the representative of Kenya, the Conference decided to appoint Mr. R. Mbiao (Benin) to be the Chairman of the Committee for Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC). Statements were made by the representatives of China, Benin, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Argentina and Cuba.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.17, entitled "Programme of work for the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties"

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.19, entitled "World Day to Combat Desertification"

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.22, entitled "Consideration of the rule 47 of the rule of procedures"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.23, entitled "Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.24, entitled "Comprehensive report of the Ad Hoc Working Group for the in-depth review and analysis of reports submitted at the third and fourth sessions of the Conference of the Parties"

The Conference adopted the draft decision, as orally amended.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.25, entitled "Review of available information regarding the financing of convention implementation by multilateral agencies and institutions, including information on the activities of the Global Environment Facility concerning desertification that relate to its four focal areas, as specified in article 20, paragraph 2 (b) of the Convention"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.26/Rev1, entitled "Consideration of the 'Regional Coordination Unit' initiative"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Norway and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the recommendations transmitted by the Committee of the Whole.

Recommendations from the President of the Conference

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.18, entitled "World Summit on Sustainable Development"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.20, entitled "Date and venue of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

The representative of Germany made a statement.

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.21, entitled "Date and venue of the first session of the Committee for the Review the Implementation of the Convention"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Recommendations from the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of Expert

Draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.12, entitled, "Resolution of questions of implementation, arbitration and conciliation procedures"

The Conference adopted the draft decision.

Adoption of the report of the Conference [14]

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, Ms. Dagmar Kubinova (Czech Republic), the President of the Conference introduced the draft report as contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/L.14.

The Conference adopted the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report.

Closure of the session

The President made a closing statement.

The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Benin (on behalf of the African Group).

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties was then declared closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

*Accession. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (12 October 2001)**

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

*Accession. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (12 October 2001)**

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Australia (15 October 2001)

Signature: Ireland (15 October 2001)

Signature: Sweden (15 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT - FOCUS ON TERRORISM UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

In observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "The Role of Cooperatives in Poverty Reduction", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. H.E. Mr. José Roberto Andino Salazar, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, will chair the meeting. Several experts will participate in the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

World Food Day 2001

There will be an observance of World Food Day 2001 on the theme "Fight Hunger to Reduce Poverty" on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 12 noon (following the adjournment of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development) to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Statements will be made by the Acting President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Jacques Diouf, and Mr. George S. McGovern, former Ambassador of the United States to FAO, who will deliver the keynote address. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

New stamps and souvenir sheets

On Thursday, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be \$2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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